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For: USE OF VASOPRESSIN ANTAGONISTS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before calculating the filing fee for the above identified application, please enter the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1. (Amended) A method of treating disturbances or illnesses of an inner ear, comprising administering [Use of] at least one vasopressin receptor antagonist or mixtures of such antagonists [for the treatment of disturbances or illnesses of the inner ear] to a patient in need thereof.

Claim 2. (Amended) The method of [Use according to] claim 1, characterized in that the receptor antagonist is a vasopressin-V₂-receptor antagonist.

Claim 3. (Amended) The method of [Use according to] claim 1 [or 2], characterized in that the disturbance or illness of the inner ear is associated with at least one of the symptoms vertigo, impairment of hearing or tinnitus.

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